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United States District Court Southern District of New York

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Civil Action No. 1:20-CV-1782-ALC

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CHENG LE, Plaintiff.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Defendant.

MEMO ENDORSED

Motion for Extension of Time to File a Notice of Appearance

Plaintiff's family, who financially supports him, lives in Shanghai. China which, along with several other Chinese cities including Beijing where banking headquarters and agencies of the Chinese government approving international money transfers are located, has been under various lockdowns, partial or complete, during the past few months, as well documented in national US news media. Due to this extraordinary situation which is beyond the control of either the Plaintiff or his family, despite his family's repeated attempts, a transfer to the Plaintiff's chasen counsel making payment for the required retainer fee could not be sent and cleared by the Chinese government. The Court had previously granted an extension until Aug. 27, 2022. As of Aug. 15, the Plaintiff does not expect the lockdown situation to change in China before Aug. 27, and can not be confident that a notice of appearance will be filed by then. The Plaintiff is also currently seeking parallel, US-based source of funds and has yet to have much success.

Accordingly, Plaintiff respectfully requests a 30-day extension or an extension for any amount of time the Court deems fit for counsel to file notice of appearance. The Plaintiff apologizes profusely for the delays.

Extension granted. The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to serve this order upon pro se Plaintiff.

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Respectfully submitted. CHENGLE Cheng Le, Plaintiff August 15, 2022